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TAGS: OREP (KENNEDY, EDWARD MIKE), IZ
SUBJECT: CODEL KENNEDY

REF: BAGHDAD 0522

1. CODEL ADVANCE MAN JAMES KING AND I HAD TWO MEETINGS WITH DIRGEN OF PROTOCOL WADOOD SHEIKHLY ON MAY 15 AND 17. SHEIKHLY WAS MOST CORDIAL AND COOPERATIVE. HE SAID ALL MEMBERS OF DEL WOULD BE CONSIDERED OFFICIAL GUESTS AND LODGED IN GUEST PALACE. KING REQUESTED MEETINGS FOR SENATOR, ACCCOMPANIED BY HUNTER, WITH PRESIDENT AL-BAKR, SADDAM HUSSEIN, MINISTER OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS AND MINISTER OF PETROLEUM. MFA ALSO OFFERED TO HANDLE TRANSPORTATION AND ARRANGE SEPARATE PROGRAM FOR LADIES.

2. OFFICIAL CALLS EXPECTED TO TAKE PLACE FIRST DAY, MAY 24, BUT AS OF MAY 17 ONLY CALL ON FORMIN HAMMADI AT 1700 HAS FIXED TIME.

3. ON MAY 25 PAPAL NUNCIO WILL CONDUCT PRIVATE MASS AT ABOUT 0830 AND REMAINDER OF DAY WILL BE DEVOTED TO TOURING COUNTRY. BABYLON, UR AND THE MARSHES WERE PROPOSED

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AND SHEIKDLY SAID HE WOULD TRY TO ARRANGE FOR THIS BY

HELICOPTER. PARTY WOULD THEN RETURN TO BAGHDAD SUNDAY NIGHT AND DEPART FOR BASRA EARLY MONDAY MORNING TO MAKE 1000 RENDEZVOUS IN ABADAN TO BEGIN IRANIAN VISIT. MODE OF TRAVEL BETWEEN BASRA AND ABADAN HAS NOT BEEN DETERMINED AND MAY REQUIRE SOME COMMUNICATIONS BETWEEN IRAQI AND IRANIAN GOVERNMENTS. SHEIKHLY IS AWARE OF NECESSITY OF CODEL BEING IN ABADAN BY 1000.

4. SHEIKHLY ASSURED KING THAT SECURITY WOULD PRESENT NO PROBLEM AND THAT KING WOULD BE PERMITTED TO RIDE WITH SECURITY MEN WHENEVER HE DESIRED. SHEIKHLY ALSO SAID GOI WOULD ARRANGE ALL SOCIAL EVENTS.

5. SHEIKHLY PROMISED TO CONVEY PROGRAM TO ME FOR TRANSMISSION TO CODEL IN RIYADH AS IT IS DEVELOPED DURING NEXT FEW DAYS.

6. COMMENT: IT WAS CLEAR FROM MEETINGS WITH SHEIKHLY THAT HIGHEST LEVELS OF GOI WARMLY WELCOME SENATOR KENNEDY'S VISIT AND WILL DO THEIR BEST TO MAKE IT A SUCCESS.

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